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USDA SET TO HOST SECOND FARMER'S MARKET

KANSAS CITY, MO, October 2, 1997--The USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) once again welcomes the chance to help educate citizens on the importance of food gleaning and recovery efforts, by hosting a second farmers market on **Monday, October 6, 1997**. The market to be held in the covered parking area at 9001 State Line will be open between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.. Customers will have the opportunity to purchase fresh, nutritious, products, as well as once again helping the needy by donating food purchases to the Harvesters Community Food Network. The public and media are invited to attend.

According to Keith Kelly, FSA's Administrator, "Every American can help in the battle against hunger, whether it's donating your own canned goods to a soup kitchen, encouraging your favorite restaurant to recover food, or sharing your time with local food recovery projects like this Farmers Market."

The first ever USDA hosted Farmer's Market in Kansas City held in conjunction with the National Summit on Food Recovery and Gleaning on September 16, resulted in nearly 8,000 pounds of non-perishable food items and 100 pounds of perishable products being donated to Harvesters Community Food Network and other local organizations that help feed the hungry.

"I am proud of the caring and enthusiasm demonstrated by the community and USDA employees during our last Farmer's Market," said Kelly. "I am sure the success from that effort will continue this time."

USDA hopes to continue promoting private and public partnership through developing networks of volunteers interested in providing or distributing donated food to the hungry, by identifying potential gleaning opportunities through increased public awareness, and by increased participation with small and limited-resource farmers.

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